

downloaded information is transmitted or broadcast to the remote location through a transmission link. The transmission link is preferably a direct satellite up/link-down/link, but the link also can be accomplished through a modem, a cell phone, radio frequency (RF), infrared, or any other means for transmitting information, as made available
5 through advances in the relevant technology and as practiced in the art.

In another aspect of the invention, electronic access codes and encryption keys are utilized to provide authorized access, and to prevent unauthorized access, to the information stored in the safe box of the Recording System. The downloading device
10 has a limited access interface, such as a direct plug-in LED for example, for entering access codes or encryption keys to communicate with the Recording System. Once the access codes or encryption keys are received and accepted by the Recording System, the device downloads the information and transfers the information onto a carrier wave for storage at a secure, remote facility. In a preferred embodiment, the device re-
15 encrypts the downloaded, de-encrypted information so that the information remains encrypted once it is downloaded, transmitted, and stored so that the integrity of the information is maintained and tampering is prevented.

In a preferred embodiment, the device has a direct transfer, solid state
20 repository, such as a flash memory, a hard disc drive, or the like, for allowing the downloaded information to be stored directly in the downloading device as well as, or instead of, being stored at the remote storage facility.

In another aspect, the device has a video output interface to a display screen or
25 monitor, such as an LCD display screen for example, so that a user can transport the remote information access and transfer device to the scene of an accident or crime, for example, to establish a remote, wireless communications link with the Recording System at the scene and to view the scene in real time and/or as it was recorded and stored by the Recording System. In this way, law enforcement, medical personnel, or
30 other emergency and rescue personnel can view an incident occurring at a remote location, such as at the scene of an accident or a crime for example, while en route to